Mandate and Operational area of SSB

1802. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) are deployed to districts of Uttar Pradesh bordering Nepal;

(b) if so, the task the SSB is mandated including the limits, if any, for its operational area;

(c) whether it is a fact that in October, 2007 Government of Uttar Pradesh granted power to SSB to conduct search, seizure and arrest upto 15 Kms. from the border but subsequently limited it to 5 Kms.;

(d) if so, whether the State administration has assigned any reason for imposition of such limitation; and

(e) the details of other bordering States where SSB operational area have been restricted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed in the districts of Uttar Pradesh bordering Nepal, *viz.* Pilibhit, Lakhimpur Kheri, Bahraich, Saravasti, Balrampur, Sidharthnagar and Maharajganj.

(b) SSB, being Border Guarding Force, has been assigned the following tasks within 5 Kms:—

(1) To Promote a sense of security among the people living in the border areas;

(2) To prevent trans-border crimes, crimes, unauthorized entry into or exit from the territory of India;

(3) To prevent smuggling and any other illegal activities.

(c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh, *vide* notification No. 133/2/2/2001-CX-3 dated October 10, 2007 had granted legal powers to SSB to Conduct Search, Seizure and arrest under CrPC up to 15 Kms from borders. But subsequently, it has withdrawn those legal power from SSB *vide* notification No. 133/2/2/2001-CX-3 dated 14-08-2008.

(d) No reason has been assigned by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(e) Nil.

Reduction in foreign infiltrators

†1803. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reduction in the number of cases of infiltration by foreign infiltrators into different States of country from across various borders during the last two years;

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